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I. List of Patents, Publications or other Information

The Patents, publications, or other information submitted for consideration by the Office are listed below and on the PTO-1449(s), attached hereto.

1. U.S. Patent No. 4,957,795 issued September 18, 1990, to Riedel.
2. U.S. Patent No. 5,350,370 issued September 27, 1994, to Jackson, et al.

3. U.S. Patent No. 5,104,725 issued April 14, 1992, to Broaddus, deceased.
4. U.S. Patent No. 4,855,179 issued August 8, 1989, to Bourland, et al.
5. U.S. Patent No. 4,818,599 issued April 4, 1989, to Marcus.
6. U.S. Patent No. 4,562,114 issued December 31, 1985, to Sawanishi et al.
7. U.S. Patent No. 4,304,817 issued December 8, 1981, to Frankosky.
8. U.S. Patent No. 5,413,747 issued May 9, 1995, to Akers et al.
9. U.S. Patent No. 5,389,442 issued February 14, 1995, to Arroyo et al.
10. U.S. Patent No. 5,939,339 issued August 17, 1999, to Delmore et al.
11. U.S. Patent No. 5,906,952 issued May 25, 1999, to Everaere et al.
12. U.S. Patent No. 5,681,300 issued October 28, 1997, to Ahr et al.
13. U.S. Patent No. 5,043,209 issued August 27, 1991, to Boisse et al.
14. European Patent No. 0,436,514 issued July 31, 1996.

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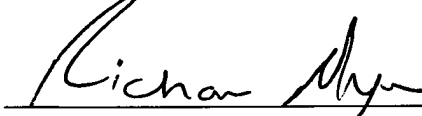
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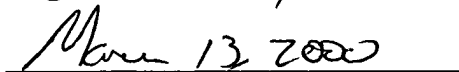
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